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Mr. Charles Ingersoll  
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Subject: Chicago, Illinois Transportation Management Area  
Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update  
Transportation Improvement Program Approval  
Air Quality Conformity Determination  
Illinois Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Dear Mr. Ingersoll:

During its October 9, 2014 meeting, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee acting in its capacity as the MPO for the Chicago, Illinois Transportation Management Area, approved the GO TO 2040 Plan Update and the Federal Fiscal Year 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Through a Transportation Conformity Analysis also approved at the October 9, 2014 meeting, the MPO Policy Committee determined this Plan and TIP conform with the Illinois State Implementation Plan. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concur with this Air Quality Conformity Determination. This action has been coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Based upon the joint review by the FHWA and the FTA, we approve this TIP as an amendment to the 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). We can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment.

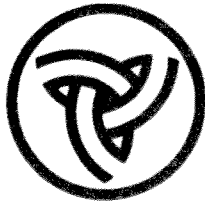
Sincerely,

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October 15, 2014

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Attention: John Donovan

Dear Mr. Stoner:

Enclosed for your information and use in accordance with Paragraphs 23 CFR 450.316 and 450.322 is a copy of the updated 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. The Metropolitan Planning Organization approved this update on October 9, 2014.

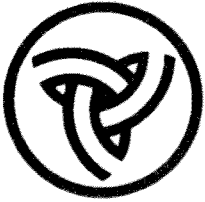
The northeastern Illinois region has committed itself to the integration of transportation and air quality planning. To this end, the MPO has developed procedures for incorporating air quality objective into the transportation planning process. The Transportation Plan being transmitted by this letter is in accordance with USDOT metropolitan planning regulations and USEPA transportation conformity regulations. The MPO has determined that this Plan is in conformance with the State implementation Plan.

We feel that all of the requirements for the transportation planning process have been met, including fiscal constraint and early and ongoing public participation. We ask that you accept this updated 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for northeastern Illinois and concur with the determination that it conforms to the Illinois State Implementation Plan.

Sincerely,

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Karen Shoup, Bureau Chief  
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Attention: John Donovan

Dear Mr. Stoner:

Enclosed for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.324 is a copy of the FY2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program(TIP) for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning(CMAP). The MPO approved this TIP on October 9, 2014.

The Northeastern Illinois region has committed itself to the integration of transportation and air quality planning. To this end, the MPO has developed procedures for incorporating air quality objectives into the transportation planning process. This 2010-2015 TIP, being transmitted by this letter, is in accordance with USDOT metropolitan regulations and USEPA transportation conformity regulations. The MPO has determined that the TIP is in conformance with the State Implementation Program. This 2010-2015 TIP has no effect on the emissions estimates made for the region's conformity determination

We consider the estimate of costs included in the Transportation Improvement Program to be realistic. We concur with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the TIP. The total cost of the TIP remains consistent with the amount of funds expected to be available to this area during the TIP time period. The Department, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the projects listed in this TIP.

The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate the CMAP Transportation Study's FY 2014-2019 TIP.

Sincerely,

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